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*An Account of the Progress made in the  
New Buildings of Queens College  
in Oxford; and how much remains un-  
finished, for want of Abilities in the Col-  
lege to complete that Work.*

*The Buildings that are already finished.*



THE Library on the West side of the North Court about 123 feet in Length, and 55 in Height: was begun by the Reverend Dr. Timothy Halton Provost, and the Fellows, An. 1693, and finish'd 1696, chiefly at the expence of the Society. A noble Building of the Corinthian Order, with a beautiful Cloister

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to the East, and the Statues of the Founder and principal Benefactors to the College in Niches to the West. 'Tis furnish'd with a good Collection of Books from the Old Library, with a great part of the excellent Libraries of the Right Reverend Dr. *Barlow* late Bishop of *Lincoln*, and of the Reverend Dr. *Halton* successively Provosts of the College, with the entire, and incomparable Collection of Sr. *Joseph Williamson* Knight, sometime Fellow, &c.

The *Library* is joyn'd by the *Provost's Lodgings*, and other Apartments belonging to the *Fellows* and *Scholars*, extending from the South end, to the High-Street, in Length about 222 feet, in Height upwards of 51, with a Cloister continued in a line to that of the Library.

This was finish'd *An. 1710*, and made the West side of the College near 345 feet Long.

On the North side of the North Court is erected a *New Building*, containing Apartments for *Gentlemen Commoners* and *Commoners*, in Length about 210 feet, in Height 39: one half of it built at the sole charge of Dr. *Lancaster* late Provost, and the other half at the common expence of the Society.

The *New Hall* and *Chapel* begun *An. 1713*, strike in at the West end between the *Library*, and



and *Lodgings*, and extend to the East, 220 feet in Length, in Height 54, being very well proportion'd and agreeable to their respective designs. There is a *Passage* between them from the South to the North Court (fronting the *New Gate* design'd to be made into the *High-Street*) the Walls of which carry a large and handsome *Cupola* with 8 *Ionick* Columns, and all the proper Ornaments of that *Order*. The outside of the whole is a *Doric Building*, and the inside of the *Hall* beautified with the same *Order*: but the inside of the *Chapel* is entirely *Corinthian*, the *Ceiling* of which being *Fretwork* is not inferior to that *Order*.

For these Buildings and this happy change of our very old and by consequence *decaying* *Mansion*, the College is principally indebted to the munificence of Sr. *Joseph Williamson* Knight (before mention'd) who by his last Will left 6000*l.* to be applied to this purpose, and to that of the Reverend Dr. *Lancaster* late Provost, who, besides the expence of a plentiful yearly income, laid out upon it the greatest part of his Fortune whilst Living, and left a Legacy of 1000*l.* at his Death, which sum has been employ'd partly in discharging Arrears occasion'd by the greatness of the Undertaking, and partly towards finishing the inside of the Chapel.

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable the Lord *Crew* Lord Bishop of *Durham*, Mr. *Lewis*

*Lewis of Hampshire, and Mr. Clitherow of Boston,* pleased with our endeavours, and sensible of our condition, contributed very *generously*, and many who formerly were Fellows of the College have been *liberal* according to their Preferment and Circumstances, on which account they may depend on the grateful remembrance of their Successors in a proper manner.

*The Parts of the Building which remain unfinished.*

**T**HE *Antient Quadrangles* yet remain in their former condition on the *East*, and *South sides*: one of these *Quadrangles*, *viz.* that towards the *North* wants repairs very much, and proper conveniences are also wanting for the *Scholars*; which has induced the *Society* to come to a resolution, with *Gods Blessing*, immediately to set about rebuilding in a *Regular* manner the two *sides* which want repairing, though it thereby happens (as it has done for several years) that by thus promoting the *Publick Good* of the *College* they very much straiten themselves in such conveniences of life as are suitable to a *liberal Education*, and were design'd them by their pious Founder.

To complete these, with what is still wanting in the *New Chapel*, 'tis computed that at least

2400*l.*

2400*l.* will be requisite, besides the Materials already provided.

This is what they are indeed almost under a necessity of Undertaking at present, since besides the *ruinous* Condition of part of their very *Old Buildings*, they some time ago took an opportunity of making a convenient purchase of Timber with this view, which they fear will receive damage if exposed to the weather any longer.

As to the *East*, and *South sides* of the *South Quadrangle*, though the Society does not despair of seeing those finished, yet the following computation of the charge deters them from flattering themselves with the hopes of a near prospect of it, however desirable that is to them, and generally wished for by others.

The Expence of the *East side* is computed at 3600*l.*

That of the *New Gate* and *Cloister* at 800*l.*

The purchase of the *Old Tenements* where the *New Gate*, and *Cloister* are to be, at about 600*l.*

The Society are ready to go on, and do what in them lies (even to the straitning of themselves) towards the completing of this great Work; but since it is far above their own strength, and what they cannot hope to see effected without considerable Assistance, they take the freedom to apply

ply themselves on this occasion to all those worthy Persons who are inclined to encourage such Publick, and Charitable Undertakings ; and particularly to those who have heretofore belong'd to the College, and have had the benefit of their Education in it.

Whatever Benefactions are given will be receiv'd with all imaginable gratitude, and faithfully employ'd for the purposes above mention'd ; and particular care will be also taken to transmit the memory of them to Posterity.

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